

### **Remarks**

Claims 27, 28, 30, 31 - 39, and 45 - 53 are pending. Favorable reconsideration is respectfully solicited.

Applicants wish to express their appreciation to Examiner Peng for his thorough review of this case.

The specification has been objected to. The term "nitrogen-containing" has been replaced by the language appearing on page 3, lines 21 - 33. Examples of these mediators, all of which do contain nitrogen, is given on pages 17 - 59. Withdrawal of this objection, as well as the objection to claim 23 (method → process) and the rejection of claims 23 - 39 under 35 U.S.C. § 112 as set forth in the Office Action on page 4, ¶6 are respectfully requested in view of the specification or claim amendments presented herein.<sup>1</sup>

The claims have also been amended to address the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112 ¶2 set forth on pages 5 - 6, ¶8 of the Office Action, and withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested as well.

Claims 27, 28 and 30 and 31 have been objected to as dependent upon a rejected claim, but otherwise allowable. Each of these has been rewritten in independent form including the limitations of their base claim, claim 23. These claims should now be allowable. The remaining claims have been amended to depend from claim 27, and duplicate claims have been added depending from claims 28, 30, and 31. All the claims should now be allowable.

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<sup>1</sup> Applicants are unable to find the amendment of "less than 1 g/l" referred to by the Examiner on page 3, second paragraph of the Office Action.

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Applicants submit that the claims are now in condition for Allowance, and respectfully request a Notice to that effect. If the Examiner believes that further discussion will advance the prosecution of the Application, the Examiner is highly encouraged to telephone Applicants' attorney at the number given below.

The additional claims filing fee is being charged to Deposit Account No. 02-3978 via electronic authorization submitted concurrently herewith. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayments as a result of the filing of this paper to Deposit Account No. 02-3978.

Respectfully submitted,

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